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SB/S/AC-70-43
27 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel
ATTENTION : []
SUBJECT : Retirement Benefits for Aleks KURGVEL (T)
under Provisions of the Attached U.S.-Estonian
Consular Agreement
REFERENCE : Inter-office memorandum, same subject, dated
5 February 1970

1. As the attached memorandum states, Subject would like to determine whether he can qualify for a retirement pension under Article VI of the 1926 U.S.-Estonian Consular Agreement. As far as I can determine there is no mention of any retirement pension in the agreement. Article VI concerns the drafting of each other's nationals by either High Contracting Party in case of a declaration of war against a third state. How this article can be interpreted to award anyone a pension is not clear to me.

2. As you will recall we investigated to some extent the possibility of Subject receiving a retirement pension under this agreement from the Estonian Government. Subject contacted the Estonian Consulate in New York who said there are no funds for pensions to former Estonian nationals who served in any Allied Army during World War II.

3. However, to satisfy Subject's request would you please study the agreement and provide an answer in writing at your earliest convenience.

4. If there are any further questions on this matter, please contact the undersigned on extension 5651 or R-1506.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES/METHODS EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2006

To: [redacted]
Copy
10 March 1970

TO:

FROM: Aleks KURGVEL.

SUBJECT: Aspects for an Estonian Pension for my Services in the Estonian Army,
to be paid from the Estonian Funds in the Free World.

1. Following the received instructions, I went yesterday to the Consulate General of Estonia in New York and I spoke with the Consul General Ernst Jaakson about the possibilities of receiving such a pension. I told Mr. Jaakson that I joined the U.S. Forces as an Estonian officer upon the advice of the late Mr. Rei, the head of the Government of the Republic of Estonia.
2. Mr. Jaakson said that such a pension is impossible because:
 - a) The gold reserves of the Republic of Estonia are blocked or have been taken over by the countries where these reserves were deposited, and these reserves are not under the control of any representative of the Republic of Estonia.
 - b) There are no large enough Estonian funds in the free world out of which pensions could be paid to thousands of people who would be entitled for pensions for their services in Estonia.
 - c) The amount of money annually released by the foreign countries for the Estonian Representatives are so limited that there are no possibilities to pay pensions even to the wives of the official representatives of Estonia who died in the free world, not to speak of thousands of entitled claimants.
 - d) The consular agreement, signed between the United States and Estonian in 1925, is still in force and has recently been applied in a case of a resident Estonian who resisted the draft into the U.S. Forces.
3. Referring to item 7 of my letter from 30 January, I would like to add that now, after I had to use my cover of working with the U.S. Army when speaking with the Consul General of Estonia, it is the more advisable that I could retain my U.S. Army cover in my retirement. A military pension would be a best possible backstopping of this cover.

Aleks Kurgvel
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Production Unit 70-64
SB/S/PT
11 March 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/NSP

SUBJECT : Visit to Estonian Consulate General
Aleks Kurgvel (T)

Reference: Memo 17 Feb 1970
Aspects for a German Pension for Services in WWII

1. The attached memorandum from Mr. Aleks Kurgvel of this Unit covers his recent visit to the Estonian Consulate General in New York. The visit was made at our request in order to elicit information concerning Mr. Kurgvel's chances of securing some sort of pension from blocked Estonian funds.

2. As indicated in the attached memorandum, there is no possibility for a pension from this source. This information combined with the previous memorandum concerning his visit to the German Consulate General confirms that Mr. Kurgvel would receive Social Security benefits and a small Civil Service pension after retirement. According to your figures, his income after retirement would be only \$250.00 per month. Therefore, the need for an additional monthly emolument is still indicated.

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Chief, Production Unit

Attachment:

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STANDARD FORM 144
REV. AUGUST 1966
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
FPM Supp. 296-31

STATEMENT OF PRIOR FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY SERVICE

IMPORTANT: This form is used only to establish creditability of service, which is otherwise not verified in the Official Personnel Folder, for leave and reduction in force purposes. The employee will complete Part I and the Personnel Office Parts II and III. When this form is used as a cumulative record or the employee's affidavit is used in the absence of a verified record, it must be filed on the right side of the Official Personnel Folder.

PART I—EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT.

1. NAME (Last, first, initial)

☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss

2. BIRTH DATE (Mo., day, yr.)

Sept 13, 1904

Kurgvel, Aleks (NMN)

3. LIST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CLAIMED FEDERAL OR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICE YOU HAVE HAD WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN VERIFIED. (Do not include military service.) IF ANY OF THIS SERVICE WAS PART-TIME, WAE, OR INTERMITTENT, NOTE THIS UNDER "TYPE OF APPOINTMENT."

NAME AND LOCATION OF AGENCY	FROM			TO			TYPE OF APPOINTMENT (If known)
	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	
Central Intelligence Agency	1951	9	5	present			Contract

4. LIST PERIODS OF ANY CLAIMED ACTIVE SERVICE YOU HAVE HAD IN ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY AS A RESERVIST, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN VERIFIED. (Also list Merchant Marine service, if it interrupted service shown in item 3.)

BRANCH	FROM			TO			DISCHARGE (Hon. or Dishon.)
	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	
None							

5. DURING PERIODS OF EMPLOYMENT SHOWN IN ITEM 3, DID YOU HAVE A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 6 MONTHS ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY DURING ANY ONE CALENDAR YEAR? (If YES, list following information.)

☐ YES ☒ NO

TYPE IF KNOWN (L.W.O.P., Furl., Susp., A.W.O.L.)	FROM			TO			TOTAL		
	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS

6. DO YOU CLAIM ANY TYPE OF VETERAN PREFERENCE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," check one of the following statements if it applies to you: ☐ I CLAIM PREFERENCE AS THE WIFE OF A DISABLED VETERAN. ☐ I CLAIM PREFERENCE AS THE MOTHER OF A DECEASED OR DISABLED VETERAN. ☐ I CLAIM PREFERENCE AS THE UNREMARKED WIDOW OF A VETERAN.

7. TO BE EXECUTED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

I swear (or affirm) that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date:

22 Sept 1976

Aleks Kurgvel

Subscribed and sworn to (or

affirmed) before me on this

day of

(Month)

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at

(City)

(State)

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NOTE: If oath is taken before a Notary Public, the date of expiration of his Commission must be shown.